

# AutoTools

## Plan

The scope of this work is split into two overall parts:

- Autoconf m4 configuration checks
- All other distribution and maintenance files

There is still lots of cleanup to be done but no show-stoppers.

## Configuration Checks

Porting the configuration checks into Autoconf macros comprise the bulk of the work. The work required for the macros can be organized as follows:

1. C
  - 1.1. Standard C Language
    - 1.1.1. Preprocessing Symbols (e.g. `func`)
    - 1.1.2. Intrinsic Types (e.g. `long long`)
  - 1.2. Standard C Library
    - 1.2.1. Header Files (e.g. `<wchar.h>`)
      - 1.2.1.1. Constants (e.g. `WEOF`)
      - 1.2.1.2. Type Definitions (e.g. `wint_t`)
      - 1.2.1.3. Functions (e.g. `fwprintf`)
  - 1.3. Non-Standard Features
2. C++
  - 2.1. Standard C++ Language
  - 2.2. Standard C++ Library
  - 2.3. Non-Standard Features
3. Environment
  - 3.1. Computer Architecture (e.g. atomic operations)
  - 3.2. Operating System (e.g. version info, POSIX conformance, multithreading)
  - 3.3. External Software (e.g. optional libraries, diagnostic tools)

The current plan is to tackle everything in Section 2.1 before moving on to the rest.

Most of the proof-of-concept work for the remaining stages has also been prototyped. Its just a matter of cleaning up the prototypes and integrating the new infrastructure into the baseline, more or less.

## Prototype

- [Subversion branch](#)
- [Sample output from `make distcheck target`](#)
- [Sample distributions](#)